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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. I have fully considered the rejections of record in the case, and am providing a complete response to these rejections. Based on informal, professional patent law advice, further evaluation of prior art, and my own extensive reading of the book "patent it yourself", I have **amended all claims** originally submitted with my application. I apologize for my lack of coherent, concise claims in my original application - it was my first attempt in writing claims as a pro se inventor.

General Arguments.

Drawings

I have attached a copy of modified drawings to insure they comply with 37 CFR 1.121 (d).

Claim rejections - 35 USC 102

1. Response to Claims 1,4, and 5 that are rejected as being anticipated by German patent to Huther (DE 2713995).

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a. After having this patent translated and reviewing it carefully, I determined that it does not contain substantial subject matter to be considered similar to my invention.

(1) Particularly, Hunther's patent does not contain a device which serves as a conduit or selector dial to choose one or multiple cleaning solutions. Additionally, it does not describe a wearable, comfortable garment-like device that contains cleaning solutions located within bladders. And finally, it does not account for a variety of cleaning attachments that can be used with the apparatus.

2. Response to additional criteria considered pertinent to my disclosure in the patents to Dalbey, Owens, Roy et al, Salistan, Huffman et al, Reigber et al, Barba and French Patent to Credo, which disclose devices mounted to a user to take up ether dry or liquid debris, and finally, the patent to McKenzie, which discloses a bladder bag worn by a user for re-hydration. Individually, the preceding devices contain some elements described in my invention, however

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several critical elements, such as the multiple solution containment bladders, the conduit to select multiple or mixed solutions, or cleaning attachments for the variety of surfaces.

a. Even if combined, the cited references (summarized below) would not meet the claims of the present invention. Thus, it would be necessary to make modifications, not taught in the prior art in order to combine the references, which would still be lacking substantial parts. Ultimately, there is no motivation to modify these inventions or combine them in the manner specified.

(1) Barbra, 3,165,774, Portable vacuum apparatus to collect debris-laden liquids. This particular device doesn't disseminate cleaning fluids or provide an apparatus to perform cleaning operations on it.

(2) Reiber, et al, 3,331,090, Liquid suction, storage, and discharge device. Device has a valve to change from between an application liquid and a used, dirty liquid).

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However, it doesn't provide for the use of multiple cleaning solutions or applicator apparatus.

(3) Owens, D344,632, back supported carpet cleaning unit Unit contains a single compartment to administer liquid agents as well as has applicator apparatus.

(4) Huffman, 5,836,046, Portable Water extraction cleaner This invention is designed as an improvement to the mechanics of locating the two fluid receiving/ water tanks into a recess of the vacuum housing for easy removal and placement.

(5) Salisian, 6,305,048, Electric backpack blower and accessory operator Invention is a blower backpack with noise reduction. Does not disseminate or pick up liquids.

(6) Roy, et al, 6,568,026, Portable backpack vacuum.
Dry vacuum only - improved filter apparatus)

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(7) McKenzie, 2002/0123294, Water bladder bag worn for rehydration. Classification 2/69; the technical field of this patent is not in the same category as the present invention. McKenzie's patent, uses manual, siphoning action to remove a liquid. Thus it lacks a mechanical device to remove solutions that are worn on the body.



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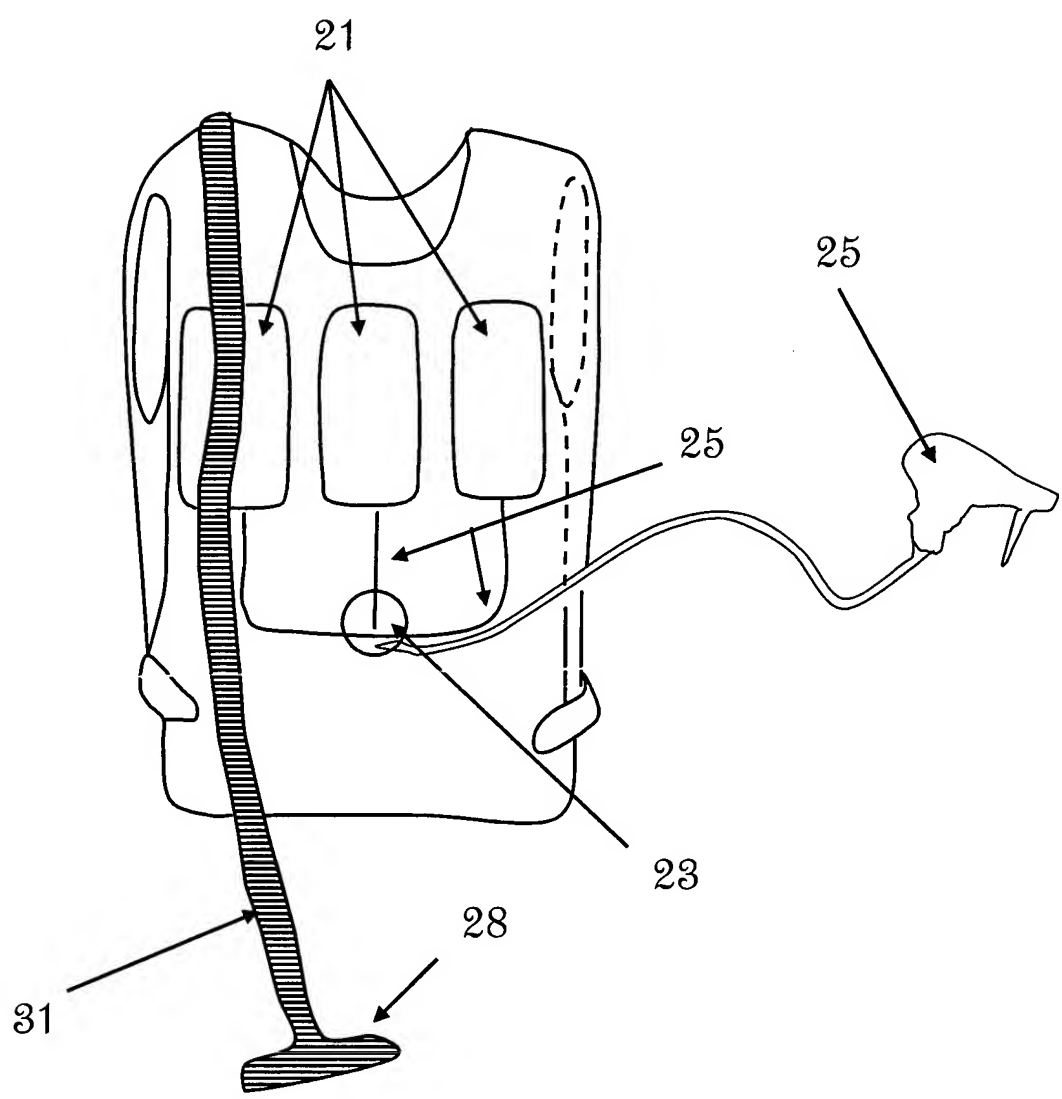


Fig 1



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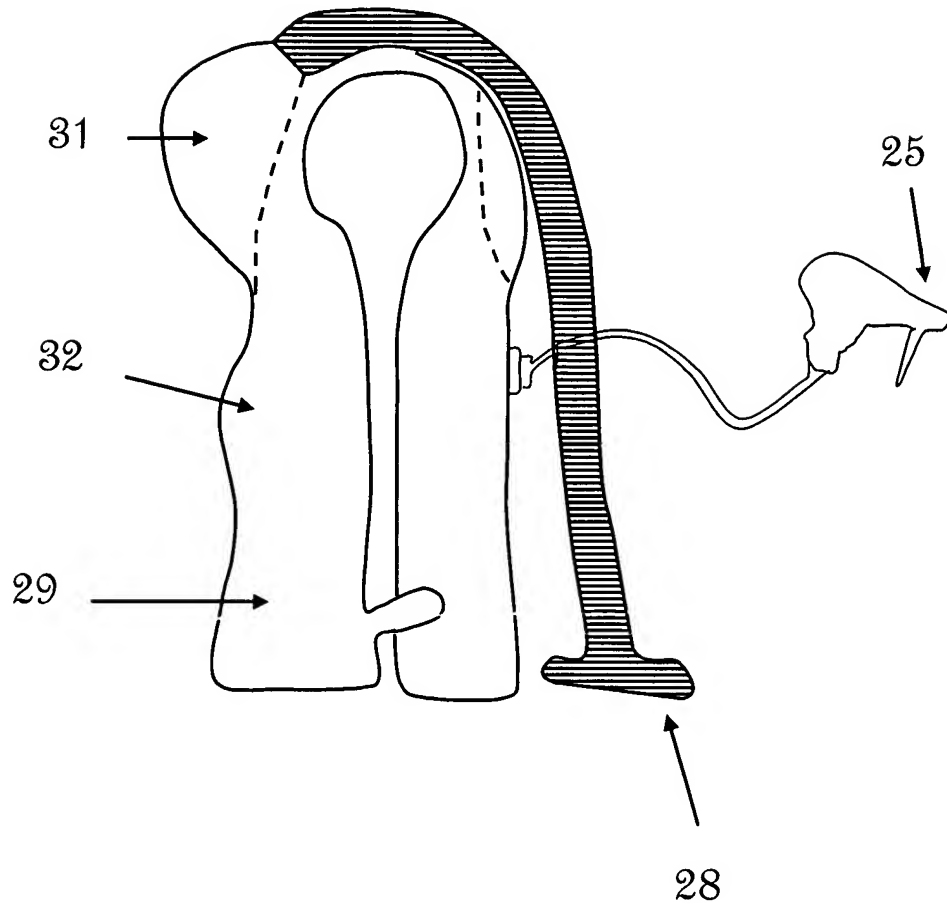


Fig 2